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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **OKADA Katsuhiko et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1714

Serial No.: 09/926,632

Examiner: **Tae H. Yoon**

Filed: **November 27, 2001**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 2956

For: **PRODUCTION METHOD FOR POWDER COATING, POWDER COATING AND
PAINT FILM FORMATION METHOD**

REQUEST FOR RETURN OF FORM PTO-1449

Commissioner for Patents
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May 27, 2005

Sir:

Applicant received an Office communication dated May 20, 2005, indicating that the PTO-1449 filed in the Information Disclosure Statement dated December 30, 2004, had been entered in part. Specifically, two entries on the IDS (EP 0711586A2 and European Search Report dated 11/30/04) were lined through, indicating that they were not considered. The explanation was that the Examiner did not find the copies of these two documents that were submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicant submits that these documents **were** submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement, as shown on the attached copy of the receipt postcard, stamped December 30, 2004. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that these documents be considered in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 30, 2004. Applicant has therefore attached a new PTO-1449 listing these two documents, for initialing by the Examiner, along with copies of the two documents, and a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement of December 30, 2004, as filed.

In the event that any fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit
Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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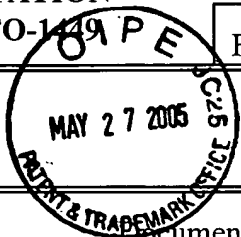


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Enclosures: PTO-1449; Search Report; References (1); A copy of the Information Disclosure
Statement and PTO-1449 filed and date stamped on December 30, 2004; A copy of a
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OTHER DOCUMENTS

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Other: IDS; PT014449; Search Report; 2 references



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Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the papers filed as indicated
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(d)

Attn: Group Director

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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December 30, 2004

Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

Documents AA and AF were cited in the European Search Report dated November 30, 2004. A copy of the Office Action is also attached.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted after the mailing of a final action, a Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, but on or before payment of the Issue Fee.

The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in this statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart

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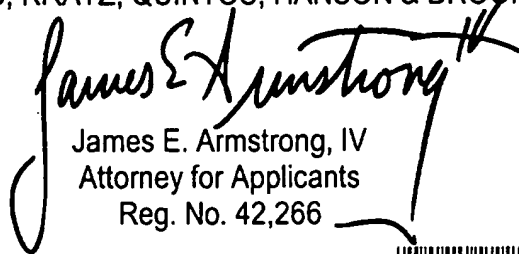
foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement and was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See 37 CFR 1.104(a) concerning the PTO duty to consider and use any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

A check is attached hereto which covers the \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(p). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) associated with this Statement to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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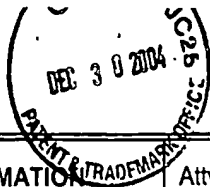


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